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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7229

BILL NUMBER: HB 1444

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 14, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Independent Living Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Kersey

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Statewide Independent Living Council. The bill requires the Council to assist the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services (Division) in the preparation of a state plan to provide independent living services and promote the development of a statewide network of centers for independent living. It also authorizes state grants for centers for independent living. The bill requires the Division to review certain centers receiving federal money for compliance with federal law.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Statewide Independent Living Council:* The bill establishes the Statewide Independent Living Council, a federally mandated body necessary to receive federal funds. The Council may not be established as an entity of a state agency. The statutorily defined Statewide Independent Living Council will replace the Indiana Council on Independent Living, which was created by executive order.

The bill requires the Statewide Independent Living Council to assist the Division in the preparation of the State Independent Living Plan. This also is a federally mandated activity that is necessary to draw down federal funds under Independent Living Act, Title VII, Part B. Travel expenses and the salary per diem, required in the bill for the 15 voting and 8 nonvoting lay members of the Council, have been paid in the past from the Independent Living account. The Council has been supported in the past with 90% federal funds and 10% state matching funds. This provision codifies the Council and its associated expenses that previously were authorized by an executive order.

The bill authorizes state grants for centers for independent living but appropriates no state dollars for this

purpose. The Division reports there currently are no funds available for this purpose.

The bill also requires the Division to review the 9 independent living centers that receive Title VII, Part B, funds on a periodic basis. This is also a requirement for claiming the federal money. The Division reports that this activity has not yet occurred although it is required. The Division reports they do not currently have resources to perform these required reviews; estimating that approximately \$25,000 would be needed to do the reviews of the 9 independent living centers in the state. The Division reports the reviews would likely be performed every 3 years. If Part B funding is used, \$2,500 in state funds would be needed for the state match. These funds are not included in the current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues: See the *Explanation of State Expenditures* regarding federal matching funds in the Independent Living, Title VII, Part B, program.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services, Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

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